

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

As part of the 30-day public participation process, Public Notice was published in the Lexington-Herald Leader, the Louisville Courier Journal, and the Kentucky Post newspapers outlining the 30-day public availability period for public review and comments on the “Draft” FY 2007-2010 STIP. Included within the Public Notice, detailed information was provided stating that copies of the “Draft” FY 2007-2010 STIP were available for public inspection at statewide Highway District Offices, Area Development District Offices, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Transportation Cabinet Offices in Frankfort. Also, as part of the public participation process, the KYTC provided written notification to everyone on the STIP mailing list that the “Draft” FY 2007- 2010 STIP was available at the above locations for public review and comments. And, in addition, the “Draft” FY 2007-2010 STIP was available for public review via the KYTC web site, with e-mail capabilities for sending review comments and questions concerning the “Draft” FY 2007-2010 STIP.

The 30-day public participation process for the Draft FY 2007-2010 STIP ended on August 15, 2006. The review comments from the general public, Area Development Districts, MPOs, and elected officials consisted of minor corrections and additions to include information on Fiscal Constraint tables, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and information on the interrelationships between the STIP and the nine MPOs Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). The review comments have been addressed, and the additional information added to the FY 2007-2010 STIP.

The following are copies of the Public Notice newspaper ads of July 16 and July 23, 2006. The Public Notice was published in the Lexington-Herald Leader, the Louisville Courier Journal, and the Kentucky Post newspapers outlining the 30-day public availability period for public review and comments on the “Draft” FY 2007-2010 STIP. The advertisement within the identified three newspapers and direct mailing of notification to everyone on the STIP mailing list provided statewide coverage and announcement of the 30-day public participation process.

The statewide transportation planning process incorporates a continuous and comprehensive public involvement program in cooperation with citizens, local officials, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Area Development Districts (ADDs) that allows all persons access to the transportation planning process. This process provides opportunity for all persons and interest groups to participate in the identification, evaluation, and recommendation of transportation needs. The process makes every effort to include the transportation disadvantaged and underserved populations, including representatives from minority and low-income populations, as well as other affected populations in the state.

Objectives of the public involvement process include: informing the public of transportation planning activities, their role in the transportation planning and decision-making process, involving the public in transportation decisions, and reaching out to communities with special emphasis on traditionally underserved populations. These communities are identified by using various techniques including GIS mapping, data collection, and data monitoring. Public involvement includes reviewing demographic information to identify underserved or special audiences and determine the appropriate level of outreach.

The statewide transportation planning process reaches out to traditionally underserved populations in various ways through multiple public involvement plans developed at the local, regional, and statewide levels. The following is a list of some regional strategies that enhance and support public outreach and education in the regional transportation planning and decision-making process. Not all strategies are necessarily used every year or in every location. Some outreach efforts include the following:

- Websites
- Community based partnerships
- Newspapers
- Civic and community organizations
- Community events
- Radio
- Cable TV channels
- Regularly scheduled public meetings
- Newsletters
- Minority language publications

The statewide public involvement process includes the continually reviewed and enhanced public involvement plans of the MPOs and ADDs that specifically address the needs of each particular region's population.

This public involvement process is used for project identification and the development of the ADD's Regional Concept Plan, the development of the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, the development of the KYTC Statewide Transportation Plan, the development of the KYTC Six-Year Highway Plan, the development of the MPO Transportation Improvement Program, and the development of the KYTC Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Examples of these outreach methods include:

- The Clarksville/Fort Campbell/Oak Grove Area MPO advertised the availability of their Long-Range Transportation Plan through Spanish speaking media outlets.
- The Louisville Area MPO has an extensive outreach that is outlined in their "Community Assessment and Outreach Program for Title VI/Environmental Justice and other Communities of Concern" document. Outreach efforts in the document include a contact database for mailing or emailing that has over 6500 contacts, advertising in minority and Spanish media outlets, presentations to neighborhood and community groups, and translation of materials.
- Green River Area Development District has a "GRADD in the Counties" day in each of their counties. Information on services GRADD provides is available and includes aging services, health services, counseling services, housing services (including first time homebuyers and repairs for low-to-moderate income families), community infrastructure, workforce development, small business development, and transportation planning. By "piggybacking" on this fair, GRADD transportation planners can make contacts with underserved groups that attend in order to gain information about other services.

As noted, the outlined public involvement process is used in the development of the KYTC Six-Year Highway Plan (SYP) working toward the submittal of the Recommended SYP to the Kentucky General Assembly by mid February in even number of years for their review and approval. The General Assembly

has until the end of the legislative session, which normally ends in mid April, to review, make revisions, make additions, and give final approval of the SYP. During this time period, each of the 138 legislative members undergoes extensive communication efforts of SYP information and project details with local officials and the general public within each of their respective districts. During the same time period, the Recommended SYP is available on the KYTC website for public review and questions. In addition, the KYTC provides hard copies of the Recommended SYP to the District Offices, Central Office Divisions, MPOs and ADDs, and to local officials and the general public upon request.

The 2006 Enacted Six-Year Highway Plan (SYP), which constitutes the primary basis for the federal-aid highway element of the FY 2007-2010 STIP was approved by the 2006 Kentucky General Assembly. The 2006 Enacted Six-Year Highway Plan (SYP) was printed and distributed in May, along with being made available on the KYTC website. In addition, the 2006 SYP is submitted to the Kentucky State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Reviews.

**THIS PUBLIC NOTICE WAS ADVERTISED IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS ON  
JULY 16 AND JULY 23, 2006**

**LEXINGTON-HERALD LEADER OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

**LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL, OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**THE KENTUCKY POST, OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT FY 2007-2010  
STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FOR KENTUCKY**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), in accordance with its established "Public Participation Process for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)," hereby provides notice of the availability of the Draft FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for public inspection, review, and comment for a 30-day period beginning Monday, July 17, 2006, and ending Tuesday, August 15, 2006.

The Draft FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program will be displayed at the following locations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- KYTC Highway District Offices in Paducah, Madisonville, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Louisville, Covington, Lexington, Somerset, Flemingsburg, Jackson, Manchester, and Pikeville.
- Area Development District Offices in Mayfield, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Louisville, Florence, Maysville, Lexington, Owingsville, Catlettsburg, Prestonsburg, Hazard, London, and Russell Springs.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization Offices in Clarksville, Tennessee (Fort Campbell); Evansville, Indiana (Henderson); Owensboro; Louisville; Lexington; Cincinnati, Ohio (Northern Kentucky); Catlettsburg; Bowling Green; and Elizabethtown.
- KYTC's Division of Transportation Planning Offices located in the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 5th Floor, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort.
- KYTC's Division of Program Management Office located in the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 6th Floor, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort.
- KYTC's Web site at: <http://transportation.ky.gov/progmgmt/stip/stip06.htm>

Any individual, agency, or organization may provide written comments to:

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